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This, the final edition of the Gateway for the year, is a review of the school year and its major news stories.

The Editorial staff has chosen what it believes to be the seven major news stories of the year: (1) Omaha University's record-breaking enrollment, (2) The opening of the Pow Wow Inn, (3) The establishment of a new tradition, the "Tom Tom Revue," (4) Ma-Fe Day, (5) The three traditional honors of the school year, Homecoming Princess, Tomahawk Beauty Queen and Joe College, (6) "Death Takes a Holiday" and

the Modern Dance Concert, two outstanding public presentations, and (?) The year's roundup of major sports events.

Also in this week's *Gateway* are the major news stories of the past week. All readers might not agree with the choices of the staff, just as the members of the staff were not able to come to a unanimous agreement. However, after much consideration from the standpoints of news value and general interest, these stories were chosen and are presented here in the order of their importance.

Ward named full professor as regents announce promotions, two resignations

Knolla, Somny revealed as new faculty additions

Promotions in rank, the addition of new faculty members for next fall and two resignations were approved by the University of Omaha Board of Regents Thursday evening.

Dr. Nell Ward, associate professor of chemistry, was promoted to the rank of full professor and Miss Gertrude Kincaide, assistant professor of foreign languages, was advanced to the rank of associate professor. She is also chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Other promotions include Richard Duncan from instructor in music to assistant professor; Alvin Goeser from instructor in business administration to assistant professor; Miss Margaret Killian from instructor in home economics to assistant professor and Mrs. Laura Titze from assistant instructor in art to instructor.

Among the new additions to the staff next fall will be Jack Somny who will be assistant professor of sociology and economics. He comes from the University of Wyoming. George M. Rayburn, Washington University, St. Louis, has been appointed assistant professor in business administration.

Peter Knolla has been named assistant instructor in psychology. He has been taking work at the

University of Omaha for the past year.

The resignations of W. G. Stryker in the English Department and Robert Johns, Assistant Dean of Students, were accepted. Both expect to do graduate work at Stanford next year.

'Make World better' Wardle tells seniors

"You must face the duty of educated citizens, and do your duty to make the world better," spoke Dr. Ralph Wardle at the Senior Banquet at the Blackstone Hotel Wednesday night.

"The college degree is still a rarity—less than four per cent of the students who begin their education finish college. College doesn't guarantee more money, but it does guarantee a reasonable measure of security," Dr. Wardle declared before Omaha University's record number of graduating seniors.

"Just as privileges bring duties, duties bring privileges. The fun of life for you is just beginning," Dr. Wardle concluded.

Sherman Hanson gave the invocation at the banquet and Neal Walker was toastmaster. Walker introduced Dr. Wardle and President Haynes who gave a short goodwill speech.

Following the dinner the Senior Dance was held in the Blackstone's ballroom with Ray Backman's orchestra playing.

The banquet menu included stuffed pork chop, creamed potatoes, green beans, spring salad and Dutch apple pie.

Senior Class presents gift

Bad weather forced the seniors indoors for their annual Senior Class Day program.

Highlighting the ceremony was the presentation by the class of a mirror to be used in the Student Lounge. The presentation was made by Miss Marian Mortensen to President Rowland Haynes.

The dedication of the annual Memorial Tree Planting ceremony was given by Sherman Hansen, a senior.

Dean of Students John W. Lucas made the presentation of leadership certificates. The certificates were awarded by the Student Council and the Faculty Committee on Student Activities on the basis of student participation in school activities as well as scholarship.

Certificates were presented to Dorothy Drishaus, Christy Kara, Marion Keller, Mary Minnick, Marian Mortensen, Evelyn Reinhardt, George Reinhardt, Jesse Rodman, Eleanor Steinman, Neal Walker and Elizabeth Wear.

Graduating class members were presented certificates entitling them to a one year membership in the Alumni Association by Mrs. Olga Strimple, secretary of the association.

Walter Graham read the class history.

Research in London planned by Wardle

Dr. Ralph Wardle, chairman of the English Department, will spend two weeks this summer in London, England, doing research at the British Museum and in the private library of Lord Abinger.

He will leave New York June 10 by plane, returning two weeks later by air to spend the rest of the summer at Lincoln, Mass.

There he will work on a new book on the life of Mary Wollstonecraft, one of the leading feminists.

Dr. Wardle will also use the facilities of the Harvard University library.

"To help bring to our campus a true college atmosphere" Don Nielsen snipped the snack bar's ceremonial tape Sept. 27 at 12:30 p. m. President Rowland Haynes and Virgil Yelkin christened it with their words of optimism about O. U.'s future.

Crowds then swarmed into the white frame building for a festive snack of cookies and punch. There they sat on the 150 new chairs, stood on the soon stub-littered floor. They played table tennis or pinocchio to the pounding chords of the juke box.

As time and cigarette butts flew by, it was evident that an extra-special name had to be chosen for the student hangout. So a contest was held which resulted in the monicker, "Snack Shack" by Joe Dymak and Jack Hall. A like-named Omaha firm objected, so Doris Donaldson's suggestion, "Pow Wow Inn" was substituted.

It was called "the greatest addition ever made to this school" by Dick Long in a poll, but it has popularly been the "smokehouse" to many bleary-eyed quaffers. Dr. William Thompson, viewing where his psychology students go after class, designates it the "main building."

Into the Inn came such characters as "Joe College," "Little Miss Blueboody," "Gruff and Musclebound," and "Tee Hee Tess," as catalogued by the Nov. 5 Gateway. They and their counterparts, according to Miss Gladys Black, head of the building, averaged 1,800 attendants daily.

Totaling every school weekday since the shack opened, we see why the women in charge recoil at the sight of a peach-fuzzed face. Two hundred sixty-one thousand is no mean number.

REGENTS OK MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET APPROVE PLANS FOR ATHLETIC HOUSE

Faculty members given salary hike

Three-dollar athletic fee voted for fall semester

Approval of the largest budget in the history of the University of Omaha and plans for the construction of a proposed second building on the 60th and Dodge campus highlighted a regents meeting at the university Thursday evening.

The board voted unanimously a 1947-48 budget just short of a million dollars, \$951,863, which is an increase of \$148,728 over the current budget and instructed John Latenser, university architect, to begin plans immediately for a new athletic building. The university has approximately \$500,000 which will be available by the end of the year for building purposes.

Charles Hoff, finance secretary, told regents about the meeting he attended last week in Cleveland called by the American Council on Education and the National Association of Urban Universities to study college building programs.

O. U. players, dance group are '47 hits

"Death Takes a Holiday," a three-act mystery, was presented March 28 and 29 in the Auditorium this year. It was the second large production sponsored by the University Players, a dramatic organization which has been on the campus for three years.

The play achieved a polished, professional performance with a talented group of actors and actresses, picturesque costuming and an authentic stage setting.

Charles Gray drew the admiration and applause of a well-filled auditorium in the dual role of Death and the suave Prince Sirki, and was stopped several times by the appreciative response of the audience.

Joan Webb as the Princess Grazia was every inch a princess both in lines, actions and dress. With the princess' dreamy, imaginative character, Miss Webb played her role with a sensitive touch.

Robert Rispler played the terrified duke with such precision that it was difficult to think of him as a college student, while the Baron Cesarea, Sebastian Campanagna, was the favorite of the audience with his chuckling humor.

In the supporting cast were Larry David, Dolores Hughes, Jo Sorenson, Kathryn Loukas, Marjorie Mahoney, Lee Hoppe, Virginia Haun, Phillip Caniglia and Warren Vickery.

Twenty-five student dancers participated in Omaha University's second annual Modern Dance Concert at Joslyn Memorial April 20.

Choreography for the concert was written by students with the special assistance of Jacquelyn McMahill and Clayton Cowan.

The Shostakovich Polka and its light, gay moods interpreted by the dancers was a fitting introduction to the program which presented all phases of light, religious and thought-provoking dance.

The smoothly satirical treatment of Freda Miller's five-part "Daily Paper" ballet told clever stories. The fun and gaiety expressed by the tired shopper, harassed proprietor, the hussy and the cruel landlord delighted the audience.

Also praiseworthy was the Chopin Waltz number, Darlene Clifton, supported by Pat Smith, Lu-

grams. Mr. Latenser was also present.

The new budget presented by President Rowland Haynes has been estimated on a day school enrollment next fall of 2,000 students; 1,200 in the 1948 summer school and a combined enrollment of 2,800 students in first and second semester evening classes. Estimated income next year includes \$493,820 from student fees, \$260,000 from the one mill levy and the remainder from such self-supporting activities as the Bookstore and Cafeteria. The university will pay out in salaries in 1947-48 a total of \$414,204. Some \$65,000 has been earmarked for building.

President Haynes also announced faculty salary increases beginning September 1. The cost of living bonus which the staff has received twice a year for the past four years will by fall be absorbed as part of each individual's regular salary, plus a five per cent

increase.

Salary increases go to all members of the staff, with the exception of President Haynes, who for the fifth year has declined an increase in his own wage contract. Regents also voted a three dollar semester athletic fee, which will bring in an estimated \$10,000 to be used mainly in fielding a football team next fall on the intercollegiate level.

Enrollment high during school's year

The past two semesters have been boom times for the University of Omaha.

O. U.'s enrollment for each semester has shown a peak of nearly 1,900 day students. This was more than 800 over the building's intended 1,000 capacity.

Many classrooms were crowded and university facilities were strained. Issuing supplies from the Bookstore was necessarily slow at the beginning of each term, but everybody received their books and went off to classes.

Professors had their share of headaches too. Dr. Thompson's beginning psychology class the first semester headed the list with 350 students enrolled, and Dr. Von Wicklen's chem class was almost as large. Men outnumbered women three to one.

Transportation posed a stiff problem the past semesters. Students found themselves riding on packed buses trying to make their 8 or 9 o'clock class. In some cases the buses were unable to accommodate the large crowds at transfer points.

The limited parking space forced many drivers to park along the road leading into Elmwood Park—and even in the park itself. It has been necessary all along to have a police officer on duty to keep the traffic flowing smoothly during school hours.

Yes, the facilities were crowded, but most everybody came through with another year of education to their credit.

Athletic year rates tops in O. U.'s history

The past athletic year has been one of the biggest in the history of the University of Omaha.

To start it off the Board of Regents appointed Virgil V. Yelkin, popular Fremont High coach, to lead Omaha's athletic rebirth as Director of Athletics.

Yelkin was a University of Nebraska football end under Dana X. Bible during 1933, '34 and '36. The Kansas City Star named him an All-Big Six end in his final year. He was also a guard on the Husker basketball squad in '33.

Yelkin gets Cardie

The new athletic director appointed one of the greatest Cornhusker backs of all time, Lloyd (Wild Hoss) Cardwell, to the head football and track positions.

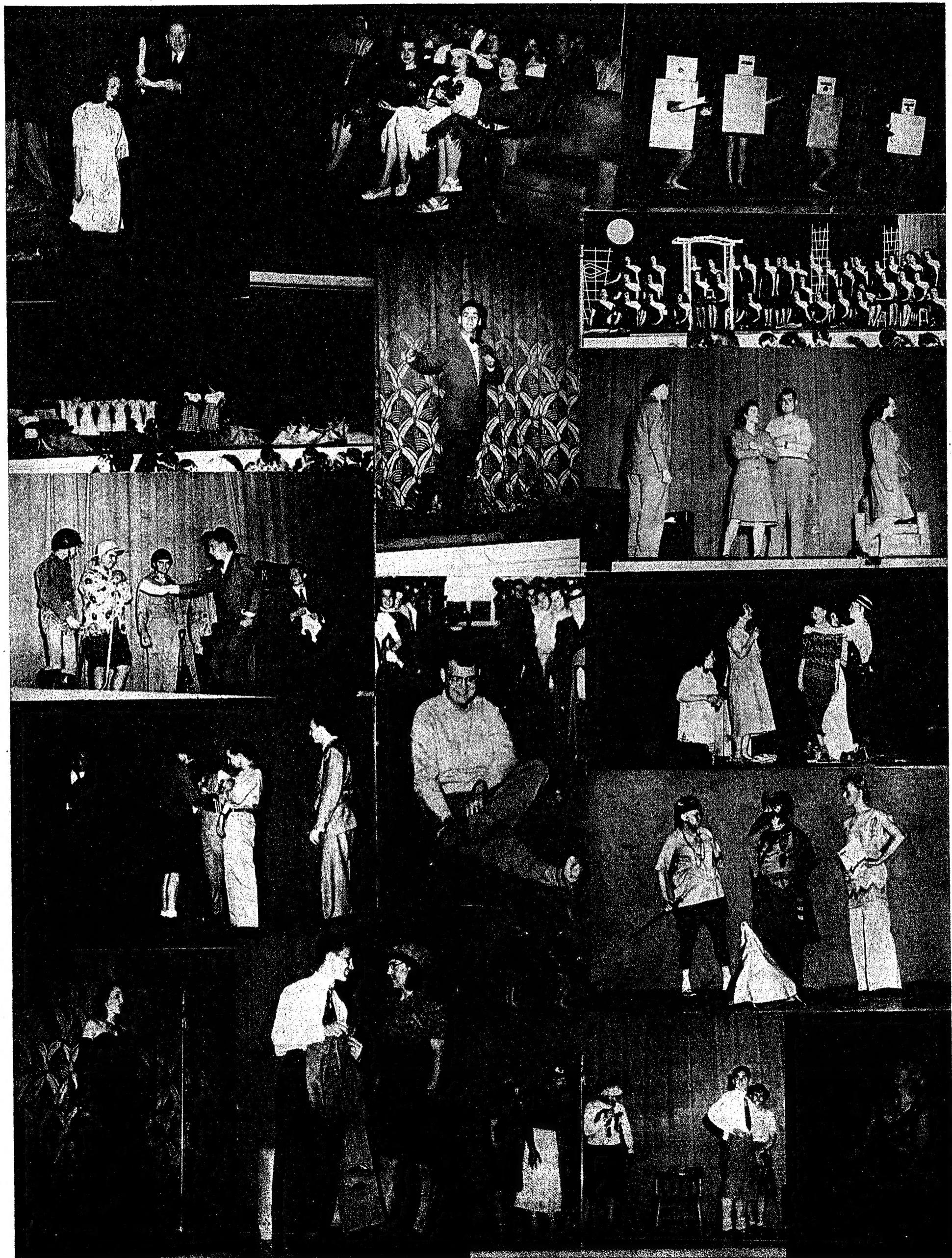
Harold Johnk, who pioneered the Indian basketballers in their return to intercollegiate competition in '45-'46, was held over as head basketball coach. Johnk, who coached at the university before the war, was also given assistant posts in football and track.

Don Pflasterer, one of the greatest athletes ever to pull on an Omaha U. jersey, was named Intramural Supervisor. He also was given the jobs of assistant grid and cage coach.

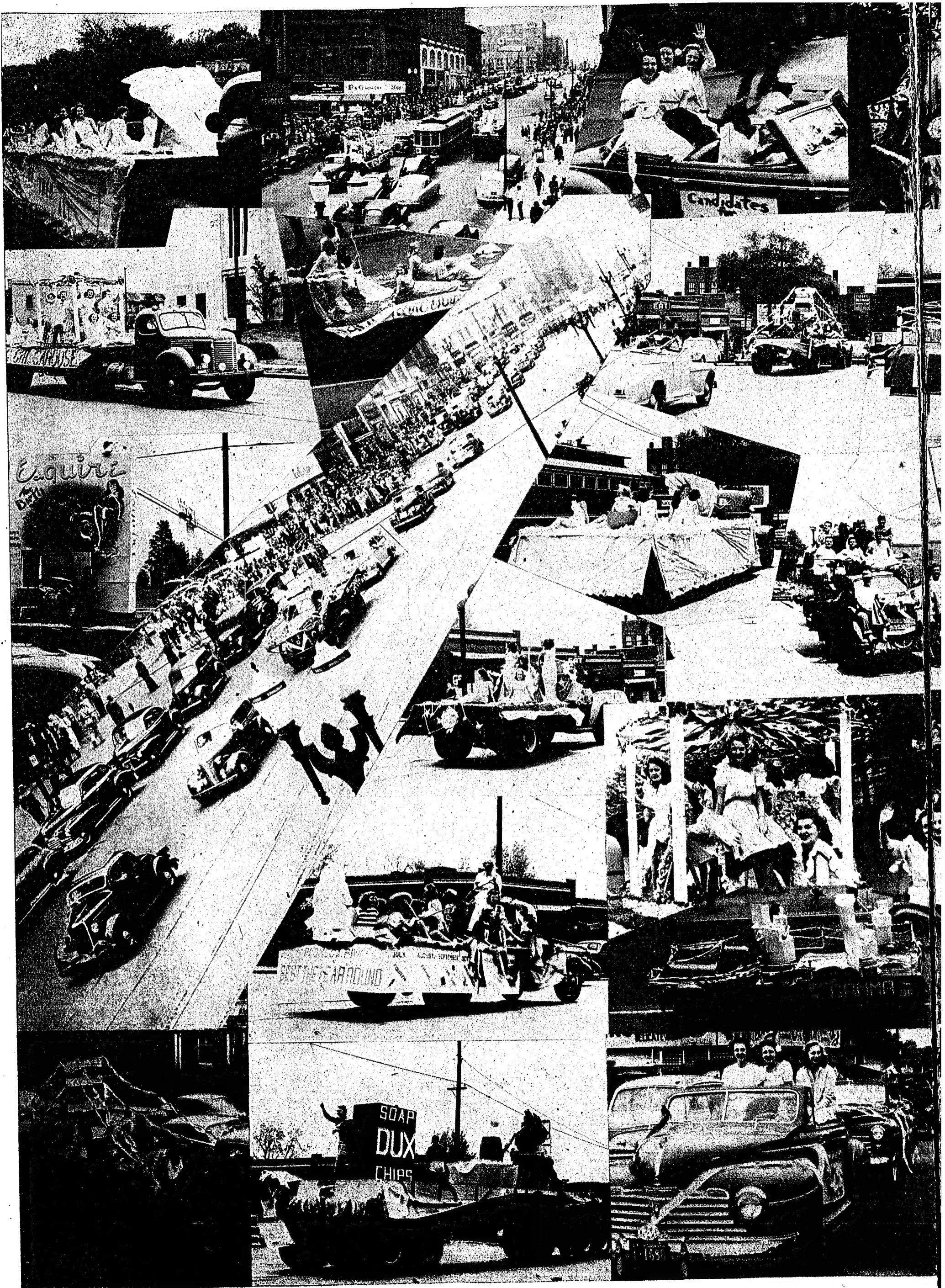
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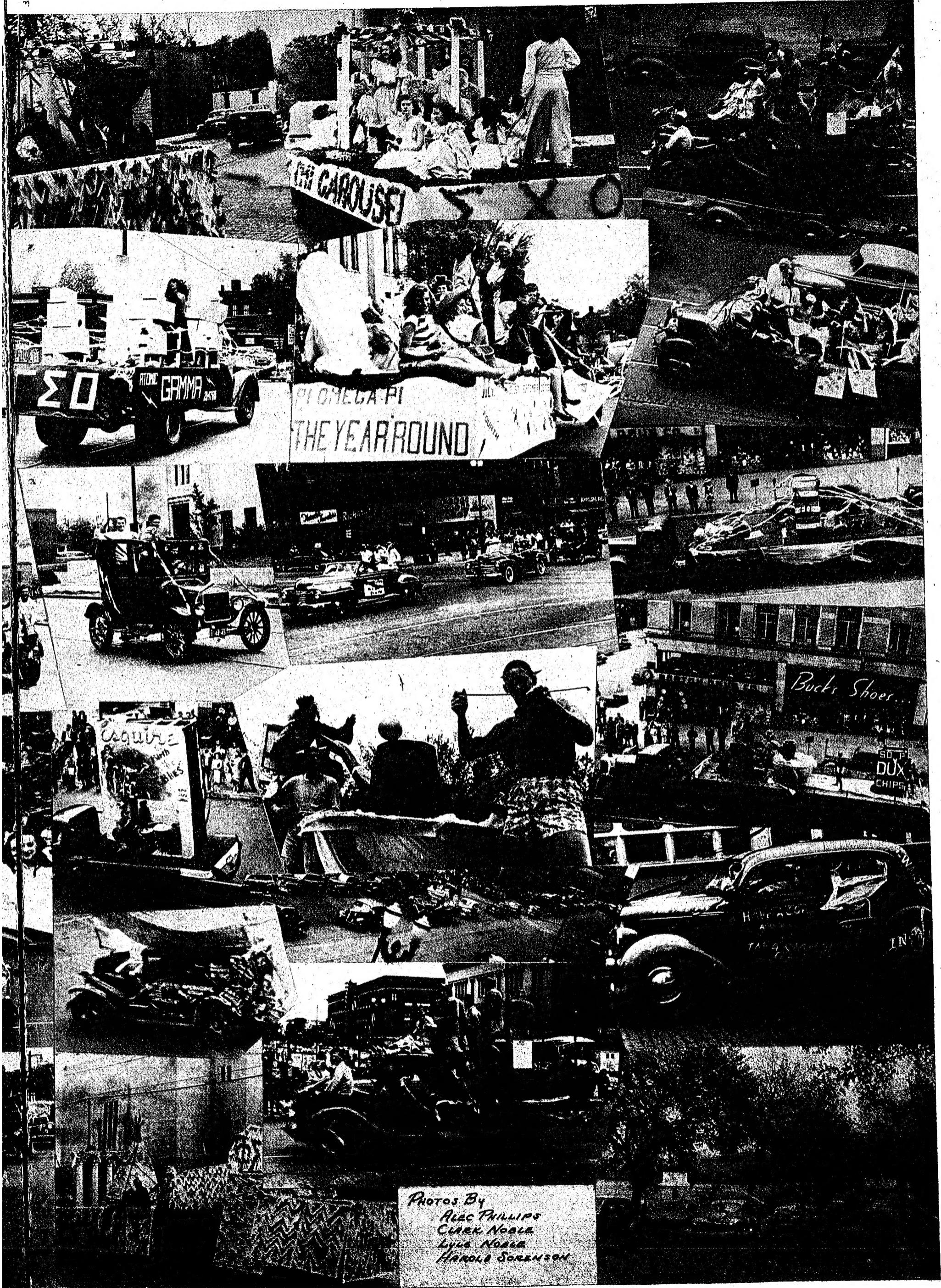
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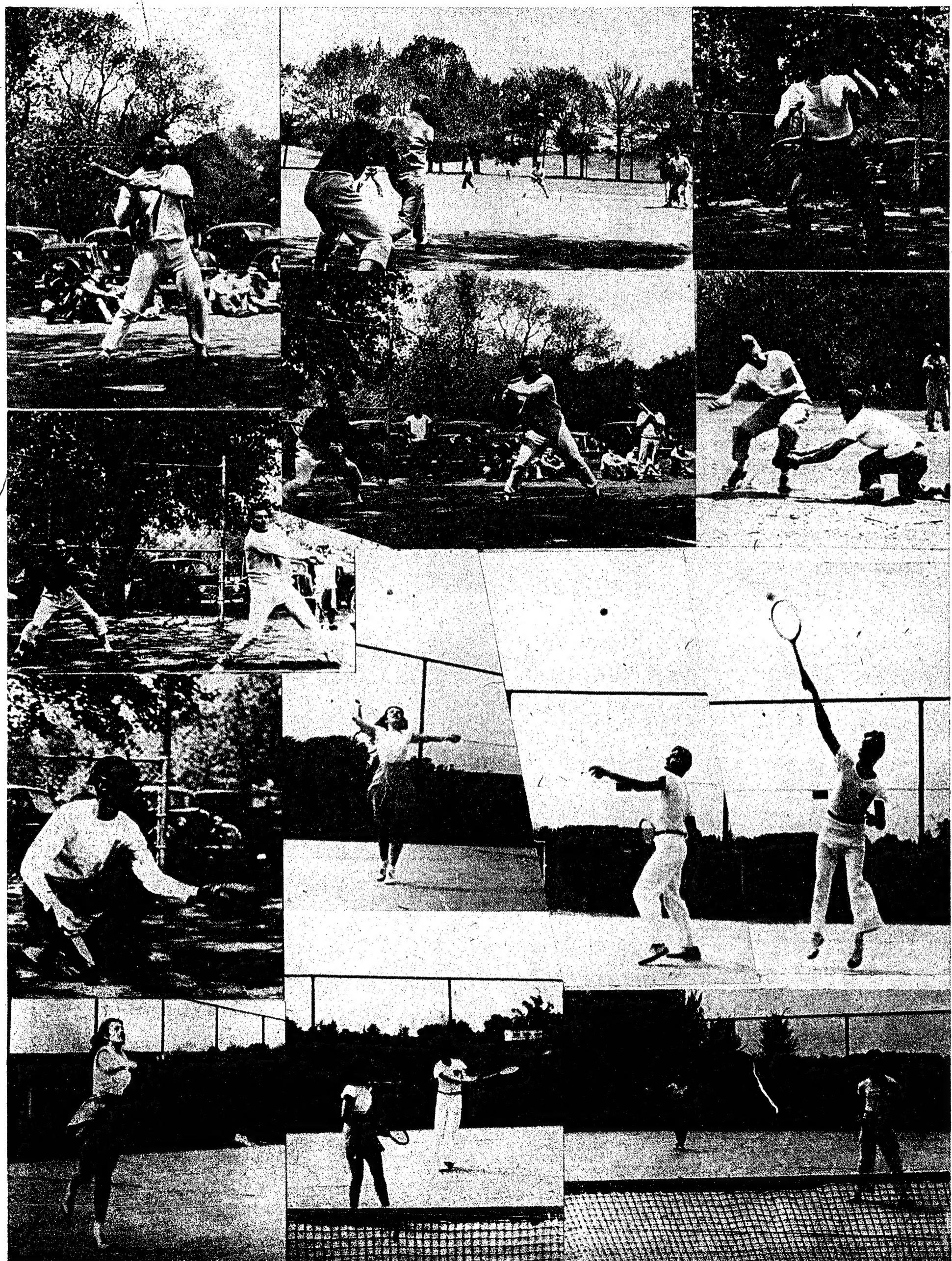
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Ma-ie Day—Sports . . .



—Ma-je Day sports photos by Gene Osheroff and Harold Abrahamson

Athletic year . . .

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derway with the opening of fall football practice, Sept. 20. Coach Cardwell was greeted by 75 hopefuls. Intercollegiate competition was not attempted.

Harold Johnk opened basketball proceedings at the same time.

Just after cage practice got under way, Yelkin announced a 19-game schedule. Johnk's men won nine of the contests.

The big date on the basketball calendar, of course, was Feb. 11. That night the Indians met their downtown rivals—Creighton University. The Red and Black made a fight of it all the way, but the 27 points of Ward Gibson, giant Blue center, was too much. Creighton took the decision, 48-37.

Yelkin had released the 1947 football schedule a few days before. It contained nine tilts, four at home.

Yelkin tried an experiment during February. He permitted a hockey team to represent the university in a pair of contests with the Amateur League All-Stars. The Ice Indians dropped both tilts, but enough interest, both by players and fans, was shown to bid fair for the ice sport to be established as a permanent part of the university athletic program.

The oft discussed construction of a field house was the reason for a Yelkin tour of college athletic plants in four states in early March.

Coincident with the Yelkin trip was the announcement of a full spring sports program and schedules.

First nine formed

Biggest news about spring sports concerned the formation of a baseball team. The '47 aggregation was to be the first to represent the university. Athletic Director-Coach Yelkin, who the year before had piloted Fremont to the State Legion title, drew up a 12-game card. Golf, tennis and track cards were released in the previous three weeks.

Two men from outside the university were chosen to help with spring sports. John Tatom, well known Dewey Park pro, was named tennis coach. John Campbell, owner and operator of Campbell's Driving Range, 72 and Dodge, was appointed to the golf post.

Campbell is an old golf head, having begun his coaching career at Lafayette College of Easton, Pa., in 1925.

Cardwell, who was slated to handle the track squad as his part of the spring program, first had to get spring football out of the way.

Cardie had weather troubles. Although practice officially began the first week in March, it was not until late in the month that he was able to take his boys outside. To wind up spring chores and to get a line on his prospects for next fall, the mentor held a game-length scrimmage. Frank Catania led the Blacks to a 26-0 triumph over the Reds.

Baseball practice got under way just before April Fool's Day.

From the start it was apparent that Coach Yelkin would be shy batterymen—especially pitchers.

Nevertheless, they went on to win five of their 11 tilts (one game was cancelled). In baseball, too, the hottest rivalry was against Creighton. The Jays swept the

two-game series. They won the first, 8-4, behind Lou Kubat's chucking and Brother Tom's hitting.

Blues handed tilt

In the second, the downtowners got seven unearned runs in the first inning and coasted to an 11-7 win. Kubat struck out 11 Indians. But the Indians lost the game on errors. Paul Sedgewick pitched good enough to win, giving only three earned runs and eight hits. The Yelkinmen swatted out 11 blows.

Cardie's cinderamen, although they improved as the season progressed, didn't win top honors in any of their five track meets, but did cop some seconds in triangular meets.

Golf and tennis started with pre-season clinics conducted by the respective coaches.

Coaches Campbell and Tatom also held All-School Tournaments to select talent for their squads. Dick Irwin paced the golfers in the tourney and went right on in regular season play. Harold Hlad copped the draw-out tennis derby and was No. 1 man on the net team most of the year.

Two big events topped the women's side of the sport picture. April 18 to 20 Roberta Muir, Women's Athletic Association president at that time, and Emma Lou Lundt, W.A.A. secretary then, journeyed to North Carolina with Miss Enid Wolcott of the Women's Physical Education Department for the Eleventh National Conference of the Athletic Federation of College Women.

The other notable event was the annual High School Play Day, May 3. Seventy-five high school girls took part in various games while W.A.A. members acted as hostesses.

There was little in the way of athletics on Ma-e Day this year. The only event was an intramural softball game in which Benson edged Thetas, 6-5. It was the best played game of the year in the Intramural Softball League.

Full mural program offered

Don Pflasterer offered a full year round program of intramural activities for non-varsity sports enthusiasts. To start it off, Benson won the touch football championship by dropping Thetas in

the title contest, 6-0. A one-yard basketball pass scored the only touchdown of the game.

In an intramural all-star football game, Greeks took a freak 0-0 victory over the Independents. The "penetration method" was used to decide the winner.

In the annual T-Bowl tilt, held Thanksgiving Day, Thetas trimmed Alpha Sigs, 26-0.

Thetas also were crowned volleyball champions. Three Theta athletes also dominated the All-School Table Tennis Tournament. Vern Hillman defeated Benson's Glenn Eckstrom for the singles title. Don Krueger and Harold Hlad teamed to give the Thetas the doubles laurels.

South won the basketball race by taking eight straight victories. North kept up with the undefeated pace until the two teams met in the test which was to decide the championship.

Dick Johnson, Benson, led scorers for the season with 60 points.

Immediately upon completion of basketball, boxing took over the spotlight.

Five ring champs crowned

Five champs were crowned in the two-day meet. The winners:

Heavyweight—Russ Gorman.
Light Heavyweight—Al Carrillo.
Junior Light Heavyweight—Dick Garvey.

Middleweight—Don Gorman.

Welterweight—Tim Nelson.

Nelson was the outstanding boxer of the tournament.

Spring sports came next on the intramural program: softball, golf, tennis and track.

Greeks were nearly shut out, 82-4, in the Independents-Greek track meet. Jim Essex, Alpha Sigs, got the only Greek points by tying for first place in the pole vault.

Students get special honors in past year

Mary Paulson, Marilyn Henderson and Bill Beebe walked away with the "special" honors during the last school year.

Mary Paulson was crowned Homecoming Princess before 1,500 students at the annual dance at Peony Park last semester. She is no longer a student at the university.

Marilyn Henderson was chosen Tomahawk Beauty Queen. Barbara Hoffman and Gerry Johnson placed second and third, respectively.

Bill Beebe reigns as Joe College V. The announcement of his election was made in the Auditorium at the annual Joe College dance.

Mary Paulson, an Independent, was a 1946 Ak-Sar-Ben princess. She was active in dramatics at Vassar College and did theater

work at Nebraska University. She was a member of the University Players, appearing in the production "Ring Around Elizabeth" last spring.

The Beauty Queen, Marilyn Henderson, is a junior and treasurer of the Sigma Chi Omicron sorority. She is a psychology major and a member of the Feathers, student pep organization, and the Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English sorority. She was recently elected to next year's Student Council.

Joe College V, Bill Beebe, is president of the Alpha Sigma Lambda fraternity, member of the Student Council, secretary of the Inter-Frat Council and a cheerleader.

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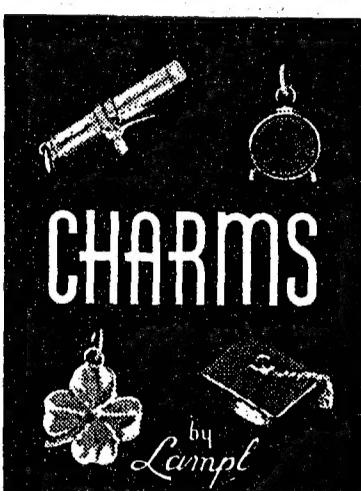
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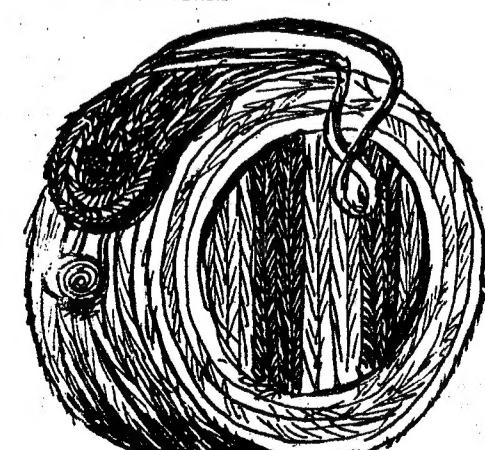
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Music at O.U. forged ahead in past year

The sharps and flats, crochets and hemidemisemiquavers, quatrilolets and sextolets, et al have flowed freely this past school year at Omaha University. To coin a phrase—or has someone else beat us to the mint—this was a red-letter year for music at O.U.

In the field of instruction we witnessed the return of Mr. Richard Duncan to the conductorship of the University orchestra and chorus. We "busted our buttons," and justly so, because Mr. Duncan

also led the Omaha Symphony. Then from the school that boasts one of the finest concert bands in the country, Southern Methodist University, came Kenneth Kennedy to reorganize O. U.'s band. Although insufficient enrollment caused the termination of band activities early this semester, Mr. Kennedy has high hopes for a good sized group next fall. Of course all the student body was glad to hear the new O. U. swing band pep up the basketball rallies and games.

In summing up the musical events of the fall and spring semesters, we can't overlook the several concerts and shows in which music played a big part: Two "Tom Tom Revues," a modern dance recital and the spring concert of the University Orchestra

and Chorus.

The Music Department, headed by Martin Bush and including all its interested students, has furnished rhythm and harmony to the energetic heart beat of Omaha University's first full post-war school year.

We've played the coda of this movement; now let's add the musical term "attacca"—go on; begin the next!

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